

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on State Route 96 in Dickson County in honor of the late Daniel F. Hall.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Daniel F. Hall, one of Dickson County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Hall, a gentleman who attained excellence as a public servant during his thirty-eight-year tenure as both a military officer and civilian with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, an intellectually gifted young man, Daniel F. Hall received a scholarship to Vanderbilt University after attending Tennessee Technological University for one year, ultimately graduating cum laude from Vanderbilt with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and as a Distinguished Military Graduate; and

WHEREAS, reporting for active duty with the United States Army after graduation, Mr. Hall served with the U.S. Army 299<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion in Hoecht, Germany; and

WHEREAS, upon his release from military service, Daniel Hall began his remarkable career with the civilian side of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi, before transferring to the Nashville District of the Corps in 1965; and

WHEREAS, a renowned figure in the history of the Nashville District of the Corps of Engineers, Mr. Hall was a premier leader in the construction arena; he held many positions in the Nashville District, including Area Engineer, Chief of the Construction Division, and Chief of the Operations, Construction, and Readiness Division; and

WHEREAS, his unrivaled guidance, which focused on innovative and far-sighted business processes, established Daniel Hall as a highly regarded figure in the Corps, bringing much acclaim to the Nashville District within the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and admired by his peers and co-workers for his leadership, honesty, and candor, Mr. Hall was an active member of the Society of American Military Engineers which he served as Nashville Post President and on the National Board of Directors, in addition to being named a Fellow in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Hall played a major role in two of the most ambitious construction projects in Corps of Engineers' history: the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway that created an alternative navigation route to the Gulf of Mexico and the Harlan Flood Damage Reduction Project that diverted a river through a mountain with four tunnels in eastern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall also served as the Resident Engineer in the construction of Cordell Hull Dam and oversaw the completion of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area before his retirement from the Corps on October 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, at his retirement Daniel F. Hall was lauded by many as the most decent, honorable, and respected man in the Nashville District of the Corps of Engineers, having previously been recognized by the Army and his peers with the Bronze de Fleury Medal, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and the Outstanding Engineer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, a two-time recipient of the Nashville District Employee of the Year, Daniel Hall was recognized as a Distinguished Civilian Employee by the Nashville District, and his name was added to a plaque in the Estes Kefauver Federal Building to recognize his exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Hall was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Dickson County by serving on the Dickson County Water Authority for many years; and

WHEREAS, an acknowledged community leader, Mr. Hall was a charter member and longtime President of the Dickson County Athletic Booster Club, worked tirelessly for the Dickson Cancer Society, and was a faithful member of Walnut Street Church of Christ where he was a member of the building committee; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Emma Wyburn Hall, his son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Vickie Hall, his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Brian Ragan, his sister, Anne Hall Weems, his grandchildren, Patrick Madison Ragan, Emma Rebecca Ragan, Anna Elizabeth Hall, and Charles Alan Hall, and his nephews, Philip Fielder, Michael Weems, and Howard Weems; and

WHEREAS, this body has been requested to name a bridge in Dickson County after Daniel F. Hall to honor his illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning Beaver Dam Creek on State Route 96 in Dickson County is hereby designated the "Daniel F. Hall Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge spanning Beaver Dam Creek on State Route 96 in Dickson County as the "Daniel F. Hall Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity

paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.